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- REFERENCES: a. Memorandum to Chief, FBIS, dated 30 June 1948, from Assistant Chief, Mediterranean Bureau, FBIS, subject: Security Regulations
- b. Memorandum to Chief, FBIS, and Chief, Services Branch, dated 1 July 1948, from [redacted] subject: Progress Report on Cyprus Project for the period 15-30 June 1948 25X1
- c. Memorandum to Chief, FBIS, and Chief, Services Branch, dated 16 July 1948, from [redacted] subject: Progress Report on Cyprus Project for the period 1-15 July 1948 25X1
- d. Memorandum to Chief, FBIS, dated 14 July 1948, from Assistant Chief, Mediterranean Bureau, subject: Estimated Activation Date for the Cyprus Station
- e. Memorandum to Chief, FBIS, dated 14 July 1948, from Assistant Chief, Mediterranean Bureau, subject: Administrative Personnel for Cyprus
- f. Memorandum to Chief, FBIS, dated 15 July 1948, from Assistant Chief, Mediterranean Bureau, subject: General Information for Personnel Assigned to Cyprus

1. In Colonel White's absence, I am directing a reply to you in connection with the above mentioned memoranda. My comments are based to a large extent on information received from Colonel White, Mr. [redacted] 25X1

2. The security regulations received from you are at present under study in this office and specific comments as to their adequacy will be forwarded to you at a later date. In this connection, security regulations for Cyprus are being considered in conjunction with security regulations prepared by all other FBIS field bureaus for uniformity.

3. Your progress report for the period 15-30 June has been read with interest and it is hoped that no labor difficulty will arise to delay your established schedule for construction of the Cyprus project. 25X1

4. Concerning your progress report for the period 1-15 July, in which you estimate the activation date to be 1 February 1949, which estimate is based upon the employment of three technicians mentioned

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in message 011612 from []/White, [] has the following comments
for your consideration:

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With reference to technicians for the Cyprus station, we requested authority to hire three technicians for a period of one year at ratings of CAF-7 to CAF-9. Authority has been granted to employ three CAF-7 technicians on a temporary basis for a period of six months. As soon as you have determined that you will need these technicians for a period longer than six months, you are requested to notify this office in order that an extension of their appointments may be obtained. Such extensions can be granted for any period of time up to an additional six months.

It has been necessary to obtain these men on a provisional security clearance basis in order for them to reach you in time to be of service. This provisional clearance limits them to the use of material classified "restricted" or lower. A complete security check has been initiated. In the event such clearance is granted and the men have worked out satisfactorily in the job on Cyprus, they can then be hired against permanent positions in your Table of Organization. If they do not desire further duty on Cyprus beyond this provisional assignment, it may be possible for us to employ them elsewhere. This office will notify you immediately if and when these men have been given complete security clearance.

Qualifications of the three men employed include ability to monitor code, and it is contemplated that they may fill assignments for monitoring supervisors at Grade CAF-9. One of the three men mentioned above will receive training in maintenance of the new dictaphone equipment which has given some trouble at other bureaus. Two of the three men will receive training in splicing the RG-85/U cable.

According to present estimates, one technician should arrive on Cyprus about 1 September and the other two should arrive on or about 10 September. These men are rated as "Engineering Aides," Grade SP-3.

With reference to the estimated activation date for the Cyprus station, the technicians will be on the project site in time to be of maximum value for the installation and preparation of all equipment. Based on the experience gained at Raseda, it might be well to reevaluate your estimate of the activation date, as the period of two and one-third months for installation and testing of technical equipment is not considered sufficient time to accomplish this task.

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5. With reference to e. above, [] will depart from London approximately 30 August. She will serve as your administrative assistant and secretary. It is hoped that [] will be able to fill both of these requirements for the time being.

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6. With reference to f. above, your report on the general information for personnel assigned to Cyprus is considered of great value. Copies have been made in this office and will be given to all personnel prior to their departure for Cyprus from Washington and, in addition, the report has been reproduced and forwarded to London for the use of personnel recruited in London for employment on Cyprus.

7. It is suggested that if you have not already done so, it might prove expedient to make arrangements with British military personnel on the Island of Cyprus to provide guard and security facilities for the station on Cyprus in the event labor difficulties should develop and in the event that possible destruction of United States Government property appears likely.

8. Colonel White has asked me to extend his warmest personal regards, and I should like to add mine with every good wish for continued success.

9. A copy of this correspondence will be forwarded to []

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